



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2010

9:30 AM

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE TOWER
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A regular meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission convened on September 16, 2010 at the Governor's Executive Tower, 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Present and absent were the following members:

Members Present		
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Cecil Patterson, Jr.	Dennis Pickering	Tom Pickrell
Cindi Nannetti	Rob Lubitz	Carol Hirschberg-James
Derrick Johnson	Vada Jo Phelps	Guy Penns
Mike Branham	June Willson	
Myrtle Young	Chris Schopen	Chad Campbell
Dan Goldfine	Robert Duber	Alice Bustillo
	Judy Tom, MD	

Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent	
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Christy Alonzo-Silvestri	Bob Thomas	Sammy Robinson
Steve Selover	James Molina	Xavier Cameron
Sonya Pierce-Johnson	Robert Brutinel	Nina White
Keri Raichert	Tim Dunst	

A. Call to Order

Chairman Cecil Patterson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with eighteen (18) members present and four (4) staff members.

B. Children's Justice Recommendations

Keri Raichert, Program Administrator referred commission members to handouts included in their packets. She referenced the first document, a draft agenda for an Advanced Forensic Interviewing Techniques for CPS Investigators and Law Enforcement, noting the Planning and Grants Committee recommended providing \$20K which would allow 20 CPS workers to attend the five day training.

Due to budget cuts that affected CPS manpower, CPS felt although they would like to send more investigators to this training, only 20 workers would be able to attend during this funding period.

Tom Pickrell moved to provide \$20K to support the Advanced Forensic Interviewing Techniques training. Chad Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindi Nannetti invited all members to attend all or a portion of the next Advanced Forensic Interviewing Techniques training at the Black Canyon Conference Center beginning September 27th and running through October 1, 2010.

Ms. Raichert directed members to the a second handout, a list of training topics provided by experts in respective fields related to investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases, known as the Children's Justice Training Team. She stated the Planning and Grants Committee recommended continuing to support the training team at \$25K, which supports trainings conducted in the requesting community, and ensures professionals across the state are receiving consistent information.

Tom Pickrell moved to approve support for the Children's Justice Training Team in the amount of \$25K. Mike Branham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Members discussed the procedure to adopt new training topics and how to determine the necessity of the training. Mr. Goldfine felt the available topics were one sided and could provide some ideas to create a balance to ensure all sides are represented. Chairman Patterson noted a balance would make certain the basis for the grant was carried out and a procedure to adopt new trainings should be developed.

Vada Phelps inquired about additional programs/projects that are funded by the Children's Justice Act grant. Staff will provide Commission members with the grant budget submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services.

C. Title V RFGA Scope of Work

This agenda item was not discussed.

D. JABG Update

1. State Retained

Sonya Pierce-Johnson, Program Administrator noted she is finalizing the contracts with ADJC and AOC for state retained JABG funds.

Director Branham expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their continued support with JABG funds.

2. Pass-through

Ms. Pierce-Johnson mentioned pass-through applications were due Friday, September 10, 2010. Applications are in the process of being reviewed. She stated contracts will begin on October 1, 2010 and run through September 30, 2011, different than previous years when contracts were good for two years.

E. 2009 – 2010 Compliance Update

Steve Selover, Compliance Monitor informed members of a five (5) year compliance audit that will be conducted by OJJDP September 27 – October 1, 2010. He stated OJJDP will primarily be looking at the policies and procedures that govern the way compliance is monitored.

Mr. Selover noted the first six months of 2010's data:

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders: 145 violation = projected rate of 14.50

Jail Removal: 48 violations = projected rate of 7.08

Sight and Sound: 1 violation (an isolated incident with siblings being held together due to situation in the lock-up)

Robert Duber suggested working with the AOC to be included in the New Judges Orientation to address the three requirements as well as conditions placed on the state by the Act.

F. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report

1. Rob Lubitz updated members on a meeting held with Maricopa County's leadership, including the Presiding Juvenile Judge, the Chief Probation Officer and Court Administrator regarding the use of their 2010 JABG funds. He noted the County was receptive to using 60% of their JABG funding to address their status offender violation problem and committed to continued meeting with the Governor's Office staff to monitor violations and identify additional strategies to keep status offending youth out of detention.
2. Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri announced that OJJDP lifted a special condition they discussed issuing on the 2010 award that would have suspended 20% of Title II funding until OJJDP determine compliance for 2008. She noted however, that 2009 remains in question and that the state is likely to be found out of compliance for DSO which would affect 2011's award.
3. Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri referred members to the handout highlighting the Commission 2007 budget and potential expenses to expend the remaining amount that will expire September 30, 2010. She informed members that she received an invoice for membership due to CJJ, noting that upon looking into the invoice, she discovered the invoice was for 2010's dues (calendar year). CJJ noted that historically Arizona has run a year behind in their dues. Members agreed this should be rectified.
4. Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri discussed materials that would assist the compliance monitor and the DMC committees that would aid in obtaining compliance. Details were provided on the handout.

Dan Goldfine moved to approve expenditures listed in the handout including the \$5,000 for membership dues to the Coalition on Juvenile Justice.

Rob Lubitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. By-laws

Rob Lubitz informed members that the Legislation and Rules Committee is close to completing a draft of the new by-laws that incorporates Children's Justice Act language and mirrors the Executive Order. He did note two areas that the committee felt were important to obtain full commission input on:

1. Use of proxy's

Mr. Lubitz noted current by-laws do not allow for proxy votes however committee members listed options that would allow proxy votes including, allowing each member a proxy vote one time only with notification to the Chair 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Tom Pickrell offered to scan the Attorney General's webpage to see if there is an opinion on proxy use for Commissions.

It was noted that any use of proxy votes could not be used to obtain a quorum.

2. Committees

Mr. Lubitz mentioned that the committee is still awaiting direction from Governor's Office staff for committee make-up. He stated that the committee noticed inconsistencies in current by-laws referencing committees and discussed creating a separate document that would outline each committee's purpose, federal legislation and membership. The document would be referenced in the by-laws. Creating the separate document would allow for additional committees to be created or focus to be altered without having to amend the by-laws.

H. Committee Updates

1. Disproportionate Minority Contact

There was no update given.

2. Legislation and Rules

Update was provided during the by-law discussion

3. Systems Improvement

Chad Campbell, Chair of the committee mentioned that the committee had to cancel their meeting scheduled for September 13 when they were going to prioritize topics for the committee to explore. The committee will meet on Monday, October 4, 2010.

4. Planning and Grants

Update was provided under agenda item D.

5. Compliance

Steve Selover noted that he and Derrick Johnson, Chair of the committee will schedule a meeting at the conclusion of the OJJDP Compliance Audit.

I. Other Business

1. Juvenile Corrections Reform

Brian McNeil, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Brewer upon clearance from the Chief of Staff notified members of the commission that the proposal to close the Department of Juvenile Corrections as of July 1, 2011, introduced in the 2010 Executive Budget will not be moving forward. He noted that membership to the Commission on Juvenile Corrections Reform had not and will not be completed since the proposal will not be pursued.

Mr. McNeil also noted that while privatizing the department may still be considered, it is not included in the initial report submitted by COPE (the Commission on Privatization). He stated that the Governor's Staff continues to explore reform efforts, but made it clear that these efforts do not include the initial proposal.

The sun setting of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections on July 1, 2011 will be addressed with the legislature in the new session.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dennis Pickering moved to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2010 meeting as drafted.

Chad Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Call to the Public

Chairman Patterson made a call to the public. There were no public members present.

K. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Next meeting will be held November 18, 2010. This meeting will be a planning meeting and run the majority of the day. Details coming!